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RARE NATIVE PLANTS  
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*Phlox carolina gloriosa*

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EVERY plant in this catalogue was collected or raised by Mrs. J. Norman Henry, Research Associate of the Department of Botany of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia and a noted field botanist. She has made over 60 plant collecting trips to various parts of North America and was recently awarded the Shaeffer Memorial Medal for "notable contributions to horticulture" by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

All the plants have been tested over a period of years in her garden at Gladwyne, Pa. and have proved entirely hardy in the open there and at the nurseries in northern New Jersey without protection of any kind in winter or any watering in summer.



**Allium cuthbertii.** A beautiful little bulbous plant, about 8 inches tall, with quite a large head of upturned miniature white lilies. The finest of our eastern Alliums. Very attractive in the rock garden where it demands an acid soil with a liberal admixture of sand. \$1.00

**Allium oxophilum** is one of the best of the native Alliums. It produces heads of good sized snow white flowers like tiny lilies on thread like pedicels that droop in graceful fashion. From Virginia mountains. A "shale-barren" endemic. Acid soil. 75c

**Amsonia ciliata "Alice".** An extra fine variety of this little known but very handsome plant. It bears dense heads of well formed salver shaped flowers of clear Alice Blue. The 10-15 inch stems are well clothed with leaves no wider than a blade of grass. It is a splendid plant for the rock garden and does best in full sun and a poor soil. From Georgia. Acid soil. \$2.50

**Amsonia ciliata tenuifolia "Aquamarine"** is undoubtedly one of the loveliest plants. Although it is a dwarfer variety than *Amsonia ciliata*, the flowers are larger and quite circular and the color is an enchanting rare shade of aquamarine blue. The rooting shoots spread underground and at all seasons its wide mass of feathery green is ornamental. Its growth habit is quite different from *Amsonia ciliata* and it may be given specific rank. From Georgia. Acid soil. \$2.50

**Amsonia ciliata tenuifolia "Whitecap".** A white flowered variety of delicate beauty. From Georgia. Acid soil. \$2.50

**Artemisia sp.** A most useful and fast growing ground cover with attractive aromatic gray green foliage. It grows only a few inches high and makes a neat carpet so dense no soil is visible. It was found on the coast of the Gaspé some years ago but may not be native to America. So far it has not been identified. Neutral soil. 75c

**Aster linariifolius purpureus.** A very late blooming form that makes a showy mass of wonderfully vivid purple flowers the end of October. \$1.00

**Aster linariifolius rosinus.** A delightful pink form of this most dainty little Aster. Floriferous and easy to grow. Flowering in October. \$1.00

**Aster spectabilis** is one of the gems of a big family. The large bright violet flowers show up conspicuously late in autumn. It is a compact grower with neat leaf rosettes. Nice for the rock garden, in front of foundation planting or a sunny spot in the wild garden. Height 8-12 inches and it is good enough to be an "indispensable". A fine variety. From the Pine Barrens of New Jersey. Acid soil. 75c

**Campanula rotundifolia** "Halfway River". The northern form of our common hare-bell, is extremely floriferous and blooms until frost. This is a delightful variety colored palest lavender. From Northern British Columbia. Neutral soil. 75c

**Chelone glabra montana** is probably the best of the Chelones. It is a smaller plant than the others. The flowers, lavishly produced, are a pretty shade of pale pink. The leaves are comparatively small and quite narrow. A distinctive and delightful free blooming plant for autumn flowering. Best in full sun. Acid soil. \$1.00

**Dicentra eximia** "White Pearl". A plant for "everyman" that is bound to travel widely. Undoubtedly one of our most beautiful natives. A most lovely plant to grow among rocks where the pretty ferny foliage drapes and hides crevices and awkward looking stones. The delicately formed flowers are conspicuously handsome. An exceedingly vigorous grower and as hardy as a rock. From the mountains of Virginia. Acid soil. 75c

**Hydrophyllum virginianum atranthum.** This plant, too, is from the mountains of Virginia and it is also an outstanding plant. The flowers are of a most unusual and telling shade of deep purple. Beautifully marked foliage adds to its distinction. Easy to grow in a shady or semi-shady place where it is not too dry. Neutral soil. 50c

**Liatris gracilis (L. laxa).** One of the most delightful members of the Blazing Stars. The flower heads are a deeper, more brilliant shade than usual and held on 1 inch stalks, giving the plant a delicate and graceful appearance. The stems stand about 24 inches. The blooming period is late in the season, the latter part of October and the flowers withstand severe frosts. From the Coastal Plain of the South-eastern States but perfectly hardy here. Acid soil. 75c

**Liatris aspera-sphaeroidea X. L. spicata alba.** A very lovely hybrid that originated by chance at Gladwyne. It has the vigorous growth and silvery transparent bracts on its buds of *L. aspera-sphaeroidea*, which is probably the handsomest of all *Liatris*. The pale lavender pink flowers are produced in great quantity on branching stems. A beautiful plant for the large rock garden or cutting garden late in the season. \$1.00

**Marshallia sp.** is best described as a dwarf edition of *Scabiosa* with comparatively large white flowers, which are held about 6 or 10 inches above the neat rosettes of evergreen foliage. From the mountains of Georgia. June-July. Acid soil. Excellent for the rock garden. \$1.00

**Opuntia fragilis.** A dwarf prostrate grower that covers the ground with a wide close mat of prickly green. The large bright yellow flowers open from salmon colored buds and the almost round thorny "joints" are only about 1 inch in diameter. From the banks of the Peace River in northern British Columbia where it is subjected to 50° below zero for weeks at a time. Neutral soil. 75c

**Opuntia sp. (perhaps O. compressa).** A rather dwarf and distinct grower with long spines. From the pine barrens of Georgia. Acid soil. 50c

**Penstemon hirsutus purpureus.** A marvelous plum purple colored form of this easily grown species. Floriferous and permanent in poor, well drained soil. Neutral. \$1.00

**Penstemon hirsutus roseus.** Another splendid variety of this useful *Penstemon*, colored a bright and pretty pink free from any harsh magenta tint. \$2.00

**Penstemon triflorus X. P. cobaea "Rosaline".** A beautiful large flowered *Penstemon* that is easy to grow and very hardy. The flowers are an attractive shade of rosy pink and the dark glossy foliage is evergreen. This fine hybrid was raised by Mrs. Henry. Neutral soil. \$2.00

**Penstemon dissectus** with fairly large purple and white flowers is the handsomest of the eastern *Penstemons* and the only *Penstemon* with cut fernlike foliage. Dr. J. K. Small said that it was one of the rarest plants in the country and that it had only been found a few times. From Georgia. Acid soil. \$1.50

Dr. Edgar T. Wherry, the greatest authority on Phlox, has seen all the following species and forms in bloom and has approved their introduction.

**Phlox amoena "Tallapoosa"**. A lovely Alice blue form of this Phlox that is different and an attractive addition for the rock garden. Easily grown in dry, stony soil in sun. From Tallapoosa County, Alabama. Acid soil. \$1.50

**Phlox bifida alba**. White flowering seedling of the cleft petaled Phlox. Likes gritty soil, either limy or acid. \$1.00

**Phlox bifida "Bunny"**. A great improvement over the type of the species. The color is a nice warm purple. \$1.00

**Phlox carolina gloriosa**. A new variety, described recently by Dr. Wherry in "Bartonia", that is perhaps the most beautiful wild Phlox in existence! The large circular flowers are carried in huge heads and their color is a soft bright pink that verges on salmon. The deep green glossy foliage makes ample evergreen rosettes that spread nicely, and are decorative summer and winter. This Phlox grows about 12 to 14 inches tall and is a great addition to our gardens. It flowers freely and blooms far into autumn. From the mountains of Georgia. Acid soil. \$5.00. \*See front cover.

**Phlox carolina gloriosa candida**. Truly a marvelous new Phlox. It is just as beautiful as the lovely pure pink P. gloriosa, but its large circular flowers are snowy white. \$5.00

**Phlox carolina gloriosa lavendula**. Another beauty of the highest class and a well worthy companion to P. gloriosa and P. gloriosa candida. The exquisite flowers of this one are colored a delightful shade of pale lavender. \$5.00  
With their handsome flowers and splendid evergreen rosettes of glossy deep green foliage, these three gloriosa Phloxes are surely among the most useful and beautiful of plants to be introduced in recent years.

**Phlox ovata latifolia "Pinkster"**. A very nice pale pink colored form of this sturdy plant. It flowers freely and produces evergreen mats of rounded leaves. Height 12 inches. Acid soil.  
75c

**Phlox divaricata "Chattahoochee"**. One of the most handsome and impressive of Phlox, 10 to 12 inches tall, with ample heads



of large pale lavender blue flowers with crimson centers. Almost prostrate mats of rough evergreen leaves that turn a deep purple in winter. A surprising beauty that came from the banks above the Chattahoochee River. Neutral soil. \$2.50

**Phlox divaricata "White Chattahoochee"**. A choice pure white and very beautiful variety of this rare Phlox. Pale green foliage. An excellent companion for "Chattahoochee". \$5.00

**Phlox floridana bella**. Another handsome and valuable new Phlox described and illustrated by Dr. Wherry in 1942-1943 *Bartonia*. Large pale pastel pink flowers are carried on 6 to 8 inch stems. It blooms from June onward often until October and succeeds in light sandy soil in full sun in the rock garden. From Western Florida. Acid soil. \$5.00

**Phlox henryae**. A beautiful seedling that appeared in Mrs. Henry's Trial Garden. Its parents are *P. bifida* X. *P. nivalis*. The deeply notched light pink flowers are larger than those of either parent. Illustrated and described by Dr. Wherry in the *National Horticultural Magazine*, April 1941. Acid soil. \$2.50



Phlox bifida in background — Phlox henryae in foreground

**Phlox henryae blanda.** A most handsome new form of *P. henryae*. The large and beautiful flowers are similar in size and shape to *P. henryae*. The color is a soft lavender and the foliage has an enchanting blue gray tinge which adds immensely to its value. \$2.00

**Phlox henryae "Blue Henryae".** Very large flowers of delightful shade of light periwinkle blue. The large petals are well notched. All these bifida affinities will grow in dry, stony soil in full sun. \$1.00

**Phlox nivalis "Gladwyne"** with its creamy white large and circular flowers has been called "the finest white mossy phlox in existence". A picture and brief description by Dr. Wherry appeared in *Horticulture*, September 15, 1944. This entrancingly lovely plant will not disappoint anyone. From western Georgia. Acid soil. \$2.50

**Phlox nivalis "Azure"** with its unusual nearly blue flowers and almost perfect form is another gem of highest rank. Pictured and described by Dr. Wherry in *Bulletin of the American Rock Garden Society* No. 1, vol. 3. Also from western Georgia. Acid soil. \$1.50

**Phlox stolonifera "Blue Ridge".** Another native that ranks with the best. This enchanting Phlox has beautifully circular flowers that are as blue as those of *P. divaricata*. They are only about half the height of the latter and much neater in growth. It does best in a partly shaded place where the soil is not too dry. It spreads nicely, making a beautiful evergreen ground cover. From the mountains of North Carolina. Acid soil. \$1.50

**Phlox stolonifera "Pink Ridge".** A nice plant to contrast with "Blue Ridge". A good shade of pink. From the mountains of Virginia. Acid soil. 75c

**Phlox subulata "Molly Davis".** Small, well formed dainty little flowers, colored an attractive shade of pastel pink. \$1.00

**Polemonium lindleyi.** A fine form of this rare beauty. Its home is among the rocks above Telegraph Creek in Northern British Columbia, but strangely enough it has been growing with great success at Gladwyne, for 10 years. It makes a symmetrical clump about 10 inches tall and 22 inches broad and is literally covered with its lovely large lavender blue, yellow centered flowers. June to August. Neutral soil. As a rock garden gem it ranks highly. \$2.50

**Senecio antennariifolius** is grown for the beauty of its frosty gray leafy rosettes that spread into very attractive mats of ornamental foliage all winter. From the shale barrens of Pennsylvania. Showy yellow flowers. May to June. 4 inches. Acid soil. 75c

**Silene virginica "Coralie"**. A most handsome and unusual color form of this showy native. It was found on a North Carolina mountain side among some red flowered plants. The flowers are a wonderful light coral or sea-shell pink and it comes fairly true from seed. A charming novelty. Neutral to acid soil. \$2.50

**Silene "Virsylvania"** is a notable offspring of *Silene virginica* "Coralie" x *Silene pennsylvanica* which originated in Mrs. Henry's trial garden at Gladwyne. The gorgeous flowers are much larger than those of either parent and intermediate in shape. They are colored a rich shade of brilliant crushed raspberry. According to Ridgway the color is slightly brighter than "Spinel Red". Neutral to acid soil. \$5.00

**Silene wherryi "Alabama"**. A beautiful variety with large white flowers that are exquisitely shaded with palest tint of flesh pink. The foliage too is distinct as it is a fine gray green. Surely it should take a place among the best of our rock plants. Acid soil. \$1.50

**Tiarella cordifolia collina**. A selected pink form, similar in grace and beauty to the common Foam Flower. The plant does not have runners and the flower spikes shading from the pink airiness of the open flowers to the deeper color of the unopened buds make this a choice treasure for the shady garden. As with the *cordifolia* type the foliage of this plant is ornamental and evergreen. \$1.50

**Tradescantia rosea graminea** is the dainty jewel of the family for the rock garden. It is indeed an enchanting miniature with bright deep pink flowers. The entire plant makes tiny clumps no more than 3 or 4 inches tall with little more in breadth. From the sandy barrens of Georgia. \$1.50

**Tradescantia rosea**. A little taller form than *T. r. graminea* but just as dainty, larger rose flowers. 6 inches high. Blooms from May to frost. Acid soil. 75c

**Tradescantia hirsutiflora**. With flowers of true blue and a long blooming season, this is a valuable plant for the large rock garden. Considerably smaller in all its parts than *T. virginiana*. Collected in northern Florida. Acid soil. 50c

## SHRUBS

**Clematis baldwinii.** Sometimes called Pine Hyacinth. Often blooms when but 8 or 10 inches high. Ornamental lavender flowers like bells. Growths elongate and blooms over a long season, often until frost. Rambles in delightful fashion over shrubs or stumps. Really a deciduous trailing plant. From Georgia. Acid soil. \$2.50

**Clinopodium carolinianum.** A neat and pretty little evergreen shrub for the rock garden. Lavender-white hooded flowers are freely produced. Height about 1 foot. Blooms from Sept. to Oct. From the mountains of Georgia. Acid soil. 75c

**Juniperus horizontalis "Horizon Blue".** From a mountain in Montana. A very splendid completely prostrate juniper. Makes beautiful carpets 15 to 20 feet in diameter, of gray green foliage. In spring the young growth is almost silver. Lime or neutral soil. \$1.00

**Pieris phyllireifolius.** A beautiful dwarf evergreen shrub with comparatively large drooping white flowers. A very attractive and little known ericaceous shrub. About 1 foot tall. From western Florida. Sandy acid soil. \$2.50

**Rhododendron minus var.** From southern Georgia where it grows naturally on dry hillsides, sometimes in full sun. Exquisite shade of pink entirely free from magenta. Seedlings begin to bloom when only 6 or 8 inches tall. Plants 1 foot tall are often 2 feet tall and loaded with flowers. Stands our hot summers without being watered. An ideal evergreen shrub for the rock garden. Not to be confused with the common form. Acid soil. \$5.00

**Vaccinium fuscatum.** A fine hardy, tall (6 to 8 feet) blueberry with crimson buds and large rose pink flowers. The fruits color through many shades of pink and red before turning glossy black. These are very luscious and sweet and are usually borne abundantly later than that of the common blueberry. Valuable alone for the high quality of the fruit. Foliage colors well in fall. Full sun. Neutral to acid soil. \$2.50

Many more plants and shrubs collected or raised by Mrs. Henry are being propagated by Mayfair Nurseries for distribution.

